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SUBJECT: UNIDO - IDB- VII ACTION ON BIENNIAL PROGRAM/ BUDGET
AND MEDIUM TERM PLAN

SUMMARY: PLENARY ON MAY 15 ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS DECISION ON
UNIDO 1974-75 PROGRAM/ BUDGET AND 1974-77 MEDIUM- TERM PLAN WITH
RESERVATIONS AS INDICATED BELOW.

END SUMMARY.

1. PLENARY MAY 15 CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF PC- II
(ID/ B/135, PARTICULARLY PARA 142) CONCERNING UNIDO ACTIVITIES
AS SET FORTH IN 1974-75 PROGRAM/ BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM PLAN
WITH ADOPTION OF FOLLOWING DECISION FOR INCORPORATION INTO
IDB- VII REPORT:

A. THE IDB, ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
PC- II, APPROVED THE BIENNIAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF UNIDO FOR
1974/1975 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE
SYG. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE BOARD TOOK NOTE OF THE STATE-
MENT MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING PC- II THAT THE BUDGET
ESTIMATES CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1974/1975
WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL THE NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM.
IT FURTHER TOOK NOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' S STATEMENT THAT
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IT HAD BEEN AGREED IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH HEAD-
QUARTERS IN NEW YORK THAT UNIDO' S BUDGETARY NEEDS WOULD BE
REVIEWED

AT THE END OF 1973/1974, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED
IN CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMME AND OF THE PROSPECTS WITH
REGARD TO FUTURE NEEDS. (VIENNA 3691)

B. A FEW DELEGATIONS (US) MADE CLEAR THAT THEY MUST
RESERVE THEIR POSITION ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE
PROGRAM BUDGET UNTIL THEY HAD EXAMINED THE SYG' S PROPOSALS
CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE UN AS A WHOLE. ONE DELEGATION
RESERVED ITS POSITION ON THE BUDGET PENDING CONSIDERATION OF
THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF HIGH- LEVEL EXPERTS ON A LONG- RANGE
STRATEGY FOR UNIDO.

C. THE IDB, ON THE BASIS FO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF PC- II,
ALSO APPROVED THE MEDIUM- TERM PLAN FOR 1974-1977, BUT CONSIDERED
THAT THIS PLAN WOULD BE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS WHICH THE
EVOLUTION OF THE NEEDS OF THE DEFELOPING COUNTRIES, THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF A UNIDO STRATEGY, AND THE FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE
OF THE ORGANIZATION MAY IMPOSE.

D. THE IDB TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ON THE JOINT UNIDO/ IBRD CO- OPERATIVE PROGRAM (ID/ B/134)
AND OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT PROGRAM.

E. SOME DELEGATIONS RESERVED THE POSITION OF THEIR
COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE
UNIDO/ IBRD CO- OPERATIVE PROGRAM AND STATED THAT THEY OPPOSED
THE ABOVE- MENTIONED ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND THE
CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIDO AND THE IBRD CONCERNING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS PROGRAM OF CO- OPERATION.

2. PLENARY ALSO DECIDED TO FORWARD REPORT OF PC- II (ID/ B/135)
TO SYG FOR POSSIBLE USE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FINAL REVIEW
OF UNIDO 1974/75 PROGRAM/ BUDGET AND MEDIUM- TERM PLAN PRIOR TO
THEIR SUBMISSION TO ACABQ.

3. DURING PREVIOUS DISCUSSION IN PC- II OF RESERVATION EXPRESSED
IN 1(B) ABOVE ABDEL- RAHMAN EXPRESSED OPINION THAT UNDER PPB
PROCEDURES EXTABLISHED BY SYG NO SUCH EXPLICIT RESERVATION
WAS NECESSARY, SINCE NO MEMBER GOVERNMENT COULD BE BOUND BY
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF BIENNIAL PROGRAM/ BUDGETS SUBMITTED
FOR CONSIDERATION TO UN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES SUCH AS ECOSOC,
IDB, ETC. UNTIL THESE HAD BEEN CONSOLIDATED INTO OVERALL UN
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PROGRAM/ BUDGET AND ACTED ON BY FIFTH COMMITTEE. UK, US AND OTHERS,
HOWEVER, ASKED THAT DECISION NEVERTHELESS REFLECT THEIR RESER-
VATIONS.

4. PARAS 1(D) AND (E) ABOVE CONCERNING JOINT IBRD/ UNIDO
PROGRAM SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARAS 8 AND 9

OF IDB- VII REPORT (ID/ B/ L.155/ ADD 6) WHICH STATES THAT " MANY
DELS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROGRAM." PRIOR TO ADOPTION
OF LANGUAGE IN DECISION REFERRING TO JOINT PROGRAM SECRETARIAT
HAD INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS SUFFICIENT FOR IDB TO " TAKE
NOTE" OF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM FOR IT TO BE OFFICIALLY
PUT INTO EFFECT. ABOVE BOARD ACTION WILL PRESUMABLY MEAN FORMAL
LAUNCHING OF JOINT PROGRAM AS FROM JAN 1, 1974.
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